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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

TAKAHISA KAWADE

Application No.: 09/667,550

Filed: September 22, 2000

For: IMAGE PROCESSING
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) Examiner: V. Bali

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MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner For Patents
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Introductory Comments

Applicant's representative conducted an interview with the Examiner on October 7, 2004, to discuss the outstanding final Official Action, mailed July 12, 2004. In order to advance prosecution, Applicant is filing concurrently herewith a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), and an Interview Statement, along with this Preliminary Amendment. The Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application as follows.